

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, and 17-19 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 3, 10, and 17. Claims 2, 4, and 16 have been cancelled. New claims 20-21 have been added including independent claim 20.

Claims 18-19 have been allowed. Claims 3, 4, 16, and 17 were indicated as being allowable if re-written in independent form. Claim 3 has been re-written in independent form and claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 17 has been re-written in independent form and claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 10.

The drawings stand objected to for not showing reference element "32" in Figure 1. A proposed drawing correction is attached herewith, indicating changes in red, to overcome the objection.

The specification is objected to because the filename is listed on the abstract. A clean abstract, with the filename removed, is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1-2 and 5-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everingham '759. The rejection is moot in light of the above discussed amendments.

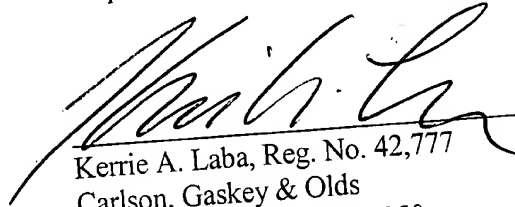
With regard to claims 20-21, none of the cited references disclose, suggest, or teach the use of a common speaker housing for many different vehicle types where only the brackets are custom made to accommodate variations due to different vehicle type.

Thus, Applicant believes all claims are now in condition for allowance and an indication of such is requested. A check is enclosed to cover the cost of the additional claim fees. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to

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charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

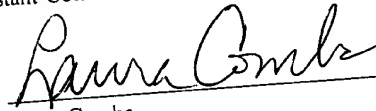
Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that the enclosed Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on this 6th day of January, 2003.


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